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PASS AGRICULTURE ELECTRONICALLY FOR R.SCHROETER

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SUBJECT: EC CUSTOMS DUTIES ON BLUEBERRIES

REF: (A) 76 EC BRUSSELS A306,(B) SCHROETER/PLANK CONVERSATION
OF 3/23/77

1.EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO
OFFICIAL APPROACH MADE BY A MEMBER STATE TO SEPARATE FRESH
OR FROZEN BLUEBERRIES OUT OF CXT TARIFF HEADINGS FOR BILBERRIES.

2.IMPORTS OF FRESH BLUEBERRIES ARE ENTERING UNDER CXT
08.08C AT 4 PERCENT AD VALOREM DUTY.IMPORTS OF PROVISIONALLY
PRESERVED BLUEBERRIES (UNSUITABLE IN THAT STATE FOR IMMEDIATE
CONSUMPTION)FALL UNDER CXT 08.10A WITH AN 8 PERCENT AD VALOREM
DUTY.IMPORTS OF FROZEN BLUEBERRIES ARE ENTERING UNDER CXT
NUMBER 08.10A.THE DUTY ON THE LATTER TARIFF HEADING IS 18
PERCENT,HOWEVER,FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1976 THROUGH JUNE 30,
1977,THE DUTY HAS BEEN TEMORARILY REDUCED TO 4 PERCENT AD
VALOREM.(REFAIR)
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3. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO
REQUEST FROM A MEMBER STATE TO PROLONG THE CXT REDUCTION ON
FROZEN BILBERRIES (INCLUDING BLUEBERRIES)PAST THE JUNE 30
DATE.THEY SAY THAT IT IS NOW TOO LATE TO REQUEST SUCH AN
EXTENSION TO TAKE EFFECT THE FIRST OF JULY.HOWEVER,IF A
MEMBER STATE WERE TO REQUEST BEFORE MID-APRIL A CXT REDUCTON,

SUCH A REDUCTION COULD COME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1978,
PROVIDED OF COURSE THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS FROM
OTHER MEMBER STATES OR THE COMMISSION.OUR SOURCES FEEL
THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN HAVING A CXT REDUCTION
AGAIN FOR FROZEN BLUEBERRIES/BILBERRIES AS LONG AS THERE IS
A FORMAL MEMBER STATE REQUEST.

4.AGRICULTURE,PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE TO
PHIL SHERIDAN OF NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBERRY COUNCIL,AND SUGGEST
THAT HE CONSIDER HAVING ONE OF HIS EC IMPORTERS PERSUADE HIS
MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENT TO REQUEST CXT REDUCTION FOR
BLUEBERRIES/BILBERRIES.
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